

BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS COMMISSIONER
APPOINTED BY THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL

In the matter of

the Resource Management Act 1991

And

**Resource Consent Applications CRC175344 and CRC175345 by
Canterbury Landscape Supplies**

6 March 2018 – 9 March 2018
Summary

TABLED AT HEARING

Location: *Canterbury Landscape Supplies*

Summary evidence

7/3/2018

Statement

Introduction

1. My name is Doug Nicholl and I am the Chairperson of the Oxford Ohoka Community Board (the Community Board). I am joined by John Lynn, a Member of the Community Board.
2. The Community Board is elected to represent and advocate for the interests of more than 8,000 residents within Oxford and the surrounding areas of Ohoka, Eyreton, Mandeville and Swannanoa. The Community Board works collaboratively with the Waimakariri District Council to understand and ensure the concerns and priorities of local community groups and residents are provided for.
3. Prior to the hearing, the Community Board pre-circulated a full statement providing the collective view of the Community Board. The statement provided today is a summarised version, limited in scope to those matters raised in the full submission. In summary, the Community Board do not consider the composting activities are appropriately located to take into account existing land uses and sensitive activities. The Community Board are particularly concerned about the potential adverse effects on air quality and sensitive receptors arising from the dust and odour nuisance and

the potential adverse effects on groundwater quality and abstractors as a result of the operation.

Potential adverse effects on air quality and sensitive receptors

5. The Community Board are concerned that the measures proposed to mitigate dust are not adequate to prevent any dust generated from extending beyond the site boundary and causing nuisance and adverse health effects for the local community. In addition, the Community Board consider odours as a result of the applicant's current and future operations are of an offensive and objectionable nature. This is indicated by the high number of complaints received by the Regional Council on the matter.
6. Overall, it is the Community Board's view that the location of the applicant's composting operation does not take into account the surrounding land uses and as such does not achieve the intent of the Canterbury Air Regional Plan (CARP).

Potential adverse effects on groundwater quality and groundwater abstractors

8. The Community Board consider that the groundwater resource in the area is highly sensitive, given most of the surrounding dwellings are reliant on private bore water for domestic supplies. In addition, Groundwater quality outcomes set by the Canterbury Land Water Regional Plan (LWRP) are not currently being met in the Waimakariri Zone. The Community Board consider there is potential for the applicant's proposed discharge to contribute to a cumulative effect on the concentration of nitrate nitrogen in the aquifer, which may eventually render drinking water at the site unsuitable for consumption.

9. Due to the high sensitivity and declining quality of groundwater in the area, the Community Board do not consider the proposed mitigation measures or recommended consent conditions provide sufficient certainty that any contamination of groundwater via leaching or runoff from the compost piles at the site would be detected or managed appropriately.

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10. With the application in its current form, it is the Community Board's view that an alternative location with adequate separation distances from sensitive receptors and groundwater abstractors is the most appropriate option for this proposal.
11. The Community Board maintains the outcome sought in their submission and full statement that CRC175344 to discharge odour and dust into air and CRC175345 to discharge contaminants into land where contaminants may enter groundwater are **refused**.

